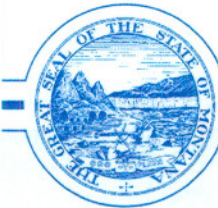


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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and Plum Creek Timberlands (PCT) are proposing an exchange of road access easements. The easement exchange would to ensure permanent legal access for a variety of land management purposes. All easements would be associated with existing roads.

There are two general locations of the exchange – one in the Placid Lake-Tupper Lake area, the other in Blanchard Creek. Both areas are within Missoula County and are near the junction of Hwy 200 and Hwy 83 (Clearwater Junction). Maps are attached to this notice.

The current proposal is for the DNRC to grant approximately 2.5 miles of road access to PCT, and for PCT to grant approximately 13 miles of road access to the DNRC.

As a result of the exchange, the DNRC would gain permanent legal access to approximately 530 acres of school trust land in the Blanchard Creek drainage, while PCT already has legal access to its lands in this area.

In the Placid-Tupper Lakes area, the DNRC would gain permanent legal access to approximately 2,900 acres of school trust lands, while PCT would gain permanent legal access to 3,800 acres.

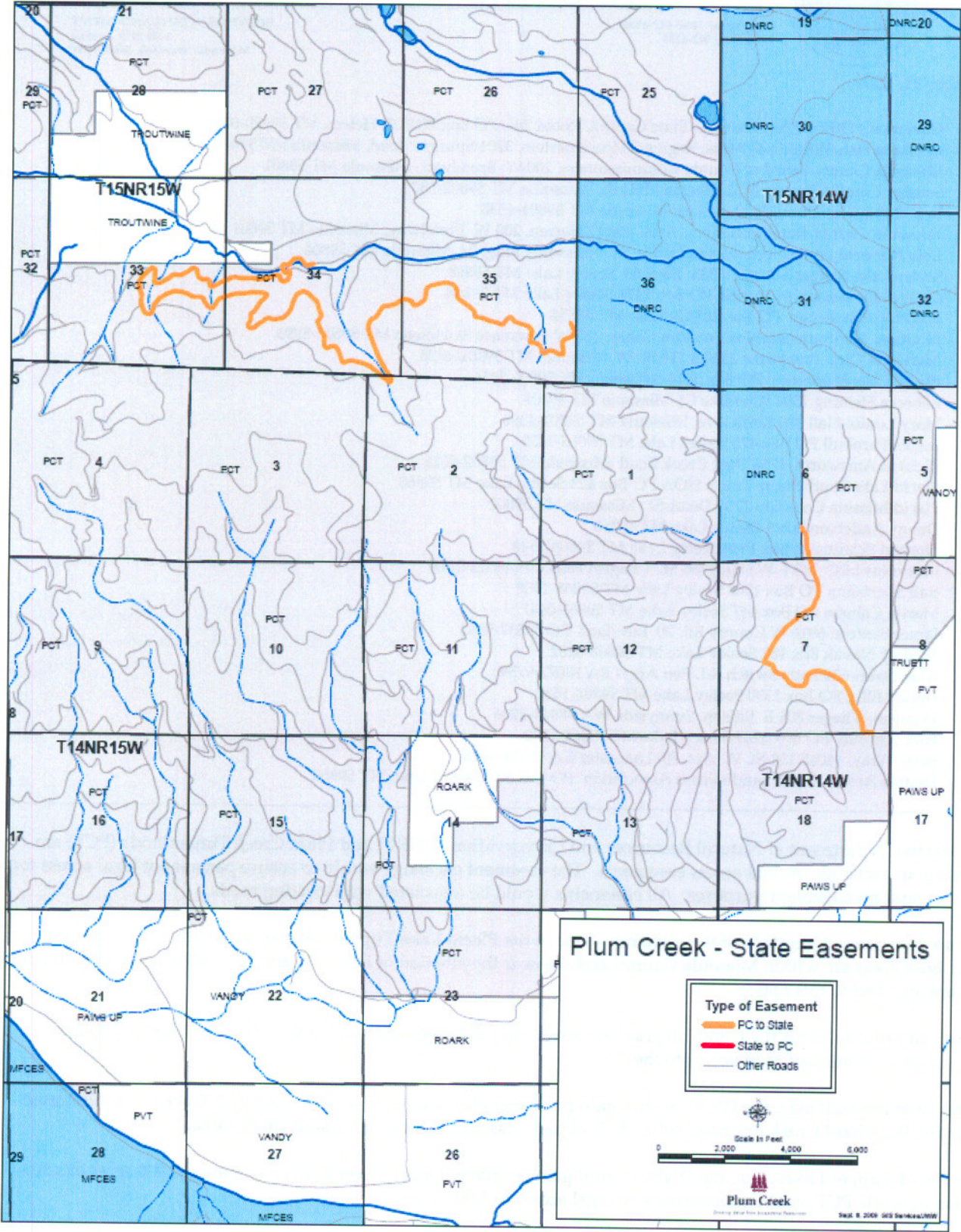
The DNRC is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act to assess potential impacts of proposed state actions on state lands to the human and physical environment. Public comments on this project are being sought in order to complete that assessment.

Public comment will be taken for 31 days (through October 12, 2009). This request for public comment is also being posted on the DNRC website at http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/about_us/notices.asp. Notices are also being posted in the Missoulian and the Seeley Lake Pathfinder newspapers. In order to address any concerns citizens may have over this proposal, DNRC is hosting an open-house at the Seeley Lake Community Hall, located in Seeley Lake, on Monday, September 28th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Comments may be submitted by email at dboruch@mt.gov. You may also mail written comments to SWLO-DNRC, Attn: Dana Boruch 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

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Blanchard Creek area:



Placid Lake – Tupper Lake area:

